

REMARKS

With this amendments, claims 1-7 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-7 have been amended. The abstract of the disclosure has also been amended.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. The Applicant has carefully and thoughtfully considered the Office Action and the comments therein. In view of the above amendments and the reasons given below, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Objections to the Specification

On page 2, the Office Action objects to the abstract of the disclosure. Applicant has amended the Abstract. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims

On pages 2-3, the Office Action objects to claims 1-7 for containing informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1-7. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Allowed Subject Matter

On page 3, the Office Action states that claims 1-7 are objected to but would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome various informalities. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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